Hotel Accommodation in Metropolitan Cities

*769. SHRI VIRENDRA SINGH
SHRI RAMESH CHAND TOMAR:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the total requirement of hotel accommodation in the approved sector in Delhi, Bombay, Calcutta and Madras;

(b) the total accommodation in the approved sector available at present;

(c) whether there is shortage of hotel accommodation in these cities; and

(d) if so, the action taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b). The position of hotel accommodation in the approved sector is as under:-

Sl. NO.	*City*	*Projected hotel room requirement by year 1996*	*Hotel room capacity available at present*
1	*2*	*3*	*4*
1.	Delhi	11,576	7,141
2.	Bombay	14,950	6,389
3.	Calcutta	2,380	1,658
4.	Madras	4,955	2,877

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The Government is encouraging growth of hotel accommodation by giving fiscal incentives and providing loans through financial institutions. The State Governments/ Union Territories have also been requested to provide necessary infrastructure support in this regard.

[*Translation*]

Frequency of Jammu Tawi-Hapa Express

*770 SHRI SHIVLAL NAGJIBAHI VEKARIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Jammu Tawi-Hapa Express runs only once a week;

(b) if so, whether the Government propose to run this train to and fro four days in a week in view of public demand; and

(c) when it is likely to be implemented; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Due to operational and resource constraints.

[*English*]

Direct Train Between Delhi and Kotdwara

*771 SHRI BHUWAN CHANDRA KHANDURI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a direct train between Delhi and Kotdwara was planned a few years back and trial runs were carried out in this regard;

(b) if so, the reasons for not introducing this train; and

(c) when it is proposed to be introduced now?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No such proposal is under consideration at present.

[*Translation*]

Collieries in Jharkhand, Bihar

*772. SHRI SIMON MARANDI: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the number of collieries lying closed in Jharkhand area of Bihar;

(b) the reasons for the closure of these collieries;

(c) whether any efforts are being made by the Government to revive these collieries;

(d) if so, the action taken so far in this regard; and

(e) the names of collieries likely to be revived during the current financial year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI P.A. SANGMA): (a) Closed collieries fall in two categories:

(1) Those collieries taken over as closed and still continuing to remain closed.

(2) Those collieries taken over as working or opened new after nationalisation and which are now closed:

Number of closed collieries falling in the territory of State of Bihar is as follows:-

Category - I	27
Category - II	25

(b) Reasons for collieries of category I continuing to remain closed are:

(1) These could not be merged/regrouped or amalgamated to form a reconstituted mine.

(2) Lack of infrastructural facilities on account of geographical location.

(3) Isolated patch deposit with very small reserves and seasonal work-ability.

(4) Insufficient geological data available for such mines.

(5) Non-availability of reliable working plans in respect of old workings.